

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2013032004

**Project Title:** Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0183-R2)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the Sacramento River, Tule Pond, and Tule Canal, within the Fremont Weir Wildlife Area, in the County of Yolo, State of California; in portions of Sections 27, 28, 32, 33, and 34, Township 11N, Range 3E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map 'Knights Landing', and Sections 3, 10, and 34, Townships 10N and 11N, Range 3E, USGS map 'Gray's Bend', Mt. Diablo meridian; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 057-020-010-000, 057-020-001-000, 057-070-006-000, 057-060-008-000, 034-230-010-000, 057-100-016-000, 057-020-006-000, 057-060-005-000, and 057-060-002-000.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0183-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the Department of Water Resources, as represented by Dean Messer.

The project consists of the construction of several facilities in the Fremont Weir Wildlife Area with the intent to create a better hydraulic connection between the Sacramento River and the Yolo Bypass. The project will allow increased flow from the Sacramento River to enter the Yolo Bypass through a gated notch on the east side of the Fremont Weir. The gated notch will create an opening in the Fremont Weir that is deeper than the Fremont Weir, with gates to control water going through the facility into the Yolo Bypass. The project will connect the new gated notch to the existing Tule Pond with a channel that parallels the existing east levee of the Yolo Bypass. The project will also include the construction of a supplemental fish passage facility on the west side of the Fremont Weir and improvements to allow fish to pass through an existing agricultural road crossing over Tule Canal south of Tule Pond.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project  will /  will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures  were /  were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.

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6. Findings  were /  were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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*Kelley Barker*  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/22/2021

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